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The SPECTATOR.

Delectata illa Urbanitate tam ſtulta. Petron. Arb.

Monday, March 17. 1712.

THAT uſeful Part of Learning which conſiſts in Emendations, Knowledge of different Readings, and the like, is what in all Ages Perſons extremely wiſe and learned have had in great Veneration. For this Reaſon I cannot but rejoyce at the following Epiſtle, which lets us into the true Author of the Letter to Mrs. *Margaret Clark*, Part of which I did my ſelf the Honour to publiſh in a former Paper. I muſt confeſs I do not naturally affect critical Learning; but finding my ſelf not ſo much regarded as I am apt to flatter my ſelf I may deſerve from ſome profeſſed Patrons of Learning, I could not but do my ſelf the Juſtice to ſhew I am not a Stranger to thoſe Erudition as they ſmile upon, if I were duly encouraged. However this only to let the World ſee what I could do; and ſhall not give my Reader any more of this Kind, if he will forgive the Ornamentation I ſhew at preſent.

SIR, *March* 13, 1711.

UPon reading your Paper of Yeſterday, I took the Pains to look out a Copy I had formerly taken, and remember'd to be very like your laſt Letter: Comparing them, I found they were the very ſame; and have underwritten ſent you that Part of it which you ſay was torn off. I hope you will inſert it, that Poſterity may know 'twas *Gabriel Bullock* that made Love in that natural Stile of which you ſeem to be ſo fond. But to let you ſee I have other Manuſcripts in the ſame way, I have ſent you encloſed three Copies, faithfully taken by my own Hand from the Originals, which were writ by a *Yorkſhire* Gentleman of a good Eſtate to Madam *Mary*, and an Uncle of her's, a Knight very well known by the moſt ancient Gentry in that and ſeveral other Counties of *Great Britain*. I have exactly followed the Form and Spelling. I have been credibly informed that Mr. *William Bullock*, the famous Comedian, is the Deſcendant of this *Gabriel*, who begot Mr. *William Bullock*'s Great Grandfather on the Body of the above-mention'd Mrs. *Margaret Clark*: But neither *Speed*, nor *Baker*, nor *Selden* taking Notice of it, I will not pretend to be poſitive; but deſire that the Letter may be reprinted, and what is here recovered may be in Italick.

I am, SIR,
Your daily Reader.

To her I very much reſpect, Mrs. Margaret Clark.

LOvely, and oh that I could write loving Mrs. "*Margaret Clark*, I pray you let Affection excuſe Preſumption. Having been ſo happy as to enjoy the Sight of your ſweet Countenance and comely Body, ſometimes when I had Occaſion to buy Treacle or Liquoriſh Powder at the Apothecary's Shop, I am ſo enamoured with you, that I can no more keep cloſe my flaming Deſire to become your Servant. And I am the more bold "now to write to your ſweet ſelf, becauſe I am now "my own Man, and may match where I pleaſe; "for my Father is taken away; and now I am "come to my Living, which is Ten Yard Land, "and a Houſe; and there is never a Yard of "Land in our Field but is as well worth ten Pound "a Year as a Thief's worth a Halter; and all my "Brothers and Siſters are provided for: Beſides I "have good Houſhold-ſtuff, though I ſay it, both "Braſs and Pewter, Linnens and Woollens; and "though my Houſe be thatched, yet if you and I "match, it ſhall go hard but I will have one Half "of it ſlated. If you ſhall think well of this Mo"tion, I will wait upon you as ſoon as my new "Cloaths is made and Hay-Harveſt is in. I could, "though I ſay it, have good *Matches in our Town*; "*but my Mother, (God's Peace be with her) charg'd me* "*upon her Death-Bed to marry a Gentlewoman, one who* "*had been well train'd up in Sowing and Cookery. I* "*do not think but that if you and I can agree to marry,* "*and lay our Means together, I ſhall be made Grand-*"*Jury-man e'er two or three Years come about, and* "*that will be a great Credit to us. If I could have* "*got a Meſſenger for Sixpence, I wou'd have ſent one* "*on purpoſe, and ſome Trifle or other for a token of* "*my Love; but I hope there is nothing loſt for that* "*neither. So hoping you will take this Letter in good* "*part, and anſwer it with what care and ſpeed you* "*can, I reſt and remain,*

Yours, if my own,
Swepſon, Leiſterſhire. Mr. *Gabriel Bullock*, now my Father is dead.

"When the Coal Carts come, I ſhall ſend "oftener; and may come in one of them my "ſelf.

For Sir William to go to london at weſtmiſter remember a parlement.

Sir

"WIlliam, i hope that you are well. i write to "let you know that i am in troubel about "a lady you neaſe; and I do deſire that you will "be my frend; for when i did com to ſee her at "your hall, i was mighty Abueſed. i woud fain a "ſee you at topecliff, and thay would not let me "go to you; but i deſire that you will be our frends, "for it is no diſhonor neither for you nor ſhe, "for God did make us all. i wiſh that i might ſee "you, for thay ſay that you are a good man; and "many doth wounder at it, but madam norton is "abueſed and ceated two i beleive. i might a had "many a lady, but i con have none but her with a "good conſons, for there is a God that know our "harts. if you and madam norton will come to "York, there i ſhill meet you if God be willing "and if you pleaſed. ſo be not angterie till you "know the trutes of things.

I give my to me lady, and to Mr. *George Nillſon.* Ayſenby, and to madam norton. March the 19th, 1706.

This

This is for madam mary norton disforth Lady ſhe went to York.

"MAdam Mary. Deare loving ſweet lady, i "hope you are well. Do not go to lon-
"don, for they will put you in the nunnery; and
"heed not Mrs. Lucy what ſhe ſaith to you, for
"ſhe will ly and ceat you. go from to another
"Place, and we will gate wed ſo with ſpeed.
"mind what I write to you, for if they gate you
"to london they will keep you there; and ſo let
"us gate wed, and we will both go. ſo if you
"go to london, you rueing your ſelf. ſo heed not
"what none of them ſaith to you. let us gate
"wed, and we ſhall lie to gader any time. i will
"do any thing for you to my poore. i hope the
"devill will faile them all, for a helliſh Company
"there be. from there curſed trick and miſchiefus
"ways good lord bleſs and deliver both you and
"me.

I think to be at york the 24 day.

This is for madam mary norton to go to london for a lady that belongs to diſhforth.

"MAdam Mary, i hope you are well. i am
"ſoary that you went away from York.
"deare loving ſweet lady, i writt to let you know
"that i do remain faithfull; and if can let
"me know where i can meet you, i will wed you,
"and i will do any thing to my poor; for you are
"a good woman, and will be a loving Miſteris. i
"am in troubel for you, ſo if you will come to
"york i will wed you. ſo with ſpeed come, and
"i will have none but you. ſo, ſweet love, heed
"not what to ſay to me, and with ſpeed come;
"heed not what none of them ſay to you; your
"Maid makes you believe ought.

"So deare love think of Mr. george Nill-
"ſon with ſpeed; i ſent you 2 or 3 letters before.

"I gave miſteris elcock ſome nots, and thay
"put me in pruſon all the night for me pains,
"and non new whear i was, and i did gat cold.

"But it is for mrs. Lucy to go a good way from
"home, for in York and round about ſhe is known;
"to writ any more her deeds, the ſame will tell
"hor ſoul is back within, hor corkis ſtinks of hell.

March 19th, 1706.

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